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SUBJECT: DP SAYS NO TO JP COALITION OFFER

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1. THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY (DP) PARLIAMENTARY GROUP, AFTER THREE DAYS OF DELIBERATIONS, ANNOUNCED ON DECEMBER 12 A DECISION REJECTING DP PARTICIPATION, OR SUPPORT FOR, A DEMIREL-LED RIGHTIST COALITION (REFTEL). IN ITS STATEMENT, THE DP SAID IT WOULD (1) BE WILLING TO JOIN AN ELECTION GOVERNMENT COALITION UNDER A PRIME MINISTER WHO WAS NOT A PARTY LEADER; (2) IN A SHORT TIME ESTABLISH A DATE FOR EARLY ELECTIONS; (3) AFTER DETERMINING A DATE, WORK FOR THE FORMATION BY ALL PARTIES OF AN ELECTION GOVERNMENT.

2. AFTER THE DP ANNOUNCED ITS DECISION, JUSTICE PARTY (JP) CHAIRMAN DEMIREL TOLD REPORTERS THAT THE JP WOULD CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS TO FORM A "NATIONALISTIC FRONT." (HOWEVER, NATIONAL
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SALVATION PARTY SEC GEN OGUZHAN ASILTURK, WHOSE PARTY SUPPORTS

SUCH A COALITION, TOLD US DECEMBER 12 THAT IT COULD BE FORMED IF ONLY JP WOULD PRESS FOR IT HARDER -- APPARENTLY IMPLYING THAT JP WAS NOT MAKING AS STRONG AN EFFORT AS IT COULD.)

3. COMMENT: WHEN REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY COMPLETES ITS DECEMBER 14-16 NATIONAL CONVENTION, PREPARATIONS FOR WHICH HAVE FULLY OCCUPIED PARTY LEADERSHIP FOR PAST TWO WEEKS, TIME COULD BE RIPE FOR NEW INITIATIVE FOR FORMATION OF ELECTION GOVERNMENT COALITION WHICH DP SAYS IT WOULD SUPPORT. KEY DIFFICULTY PRESUMABLY WOULD CONTINUE TO BE DATE OF ELECTIONS.
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